

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended): A method for managing the interaction between a plurality of information appliances and a plurality of appliance services, said information appliances being removably connected to said appliance services through a network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, by an appliance service, an authentication interface dynamic base object including an appliance service request from an information appliance having an appliance type and an appliance identifier, said appliance service being a content provider;

verifying the authentication interface dynamic base object through a central authenticator by testing said request to determine whether said information appliance is registered[[]], testing said request to determine whether said appliance identifier is authorized to receive a service from said appliance service[[]] and authorizing services for said information appliance from said appliance service[[]] ;

wherein the central authenticator is used to at least one of certify that an account has sufficient funds or confirm an identity of a user; and

wherein the authentication interface dynamic base object includes a transaction dynamic base object which is capable of being utilized to at least one of provide to or derive from a user's account financial data, the user's account residing on the central authenticator.

8. (original): The method as described in claim 7, further comprising the step of collecting transaction information describing the services provided to said information appliance by said appliance service.

9 - 15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended): ~~The method as described in claim 15,~~ A method for managing the interaction between a plurality of information appliances and a plurality of appliance services, said information appliances being removably connected to said appliance services through a network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an authentication interface dynamic base object transmitted from a user information appliance by a content provider information appliance;

verifying the authentication interface dynamic base object through a central authenticator, wherein the authentication interface dynamic base object passes verification to an authentication implementation dynamic base object, the authentication implementation dynamic base object including user authentication information; and

wherein the central authenticator is used to at least one of certify that an account has sufficient funds or confirm an identity of a user;

wherein the authentication interface dynamic base object includes a transaction dynamic base object; and

wherein the transaction dynamic base object is capable of being utilized to at least one of provide to or derive from a user's account financial data, the user's account residing on the central authenticator.

17. (currently amended): The method as described in claim ~~13~~ 16, wherein the authentication interface dynamic base object includes a registration dynamic base object, the registration dynamic base object capable of being utilized to provide registration information from a user's account residing on the central authenticator.

18. (currently amended): The method as described in claim ~~13~~ 16, wherein the authentication implementation dynamic base object provides data to enable access by a user to the content provider without indicating to the content provider identity of the user.

19. (currently amended): The method as described in claim ~~13~~ 16, wherein the central authenticator enables dynamic support of a plurality of payment methods.

20. (currently amended): The method as described in claim ~~13~~ 16, wherein the authentication interface dynamic base object is encrypted.

21. (currently amended): The method as described in claim ~~13~~ 16, wherein the user authentication information includes a credit card number and an expiration date of a credit card.